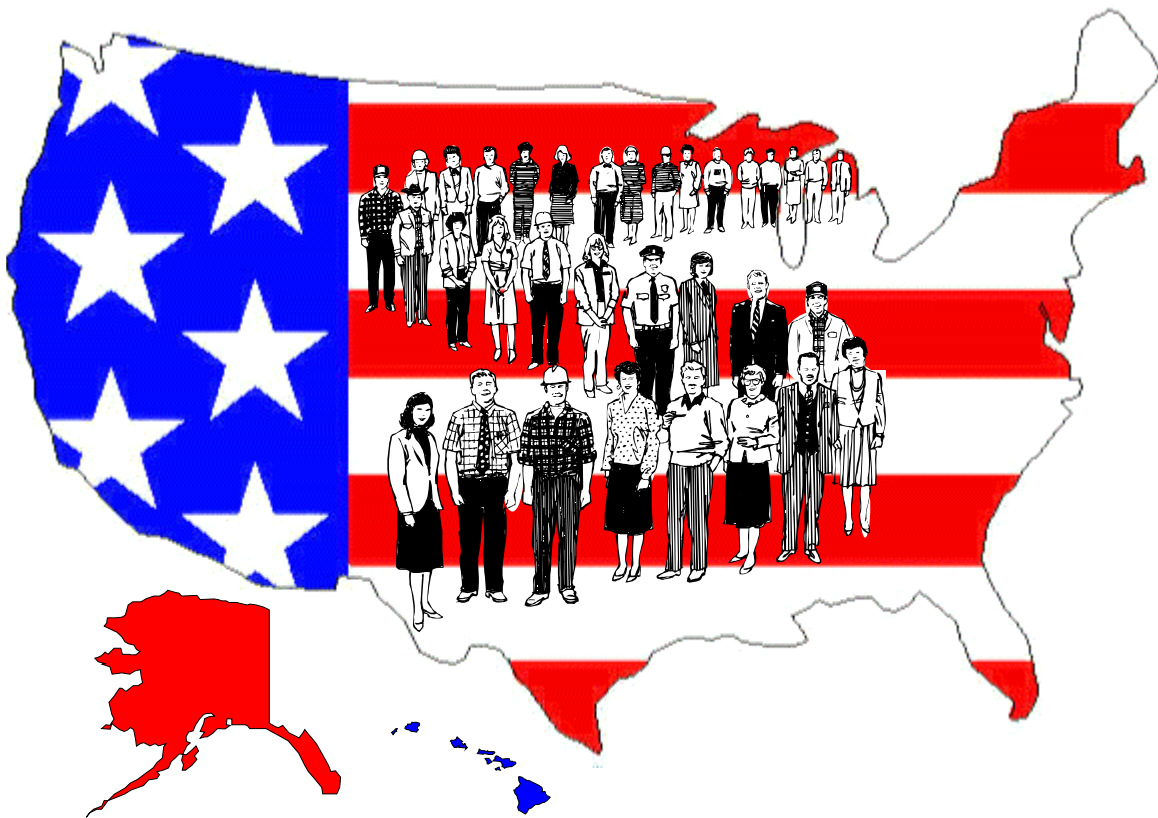


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Introduction

This report provides information about Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disabled and blind¹ recipients who work and receive earnings. The report presents data on all SSI disabled recipients who work, section 1619 participants, and recipients who benefit from other work incentive provisions.

Since the beginning of the SSI program, a number of SSI disabled recipients have worked and received SSI payments. Initially, the program contained basic general and earned income exclusions that recognized the additional costs associated with employment. In computing the SSI payment, the first \$20 of income is not counted. In addition, the first \$65 of monthly earnings and one-half of the earnings in excess of \$65 are also excluded.

The law also contained a number of special income exclusions that were intended as work incentives:

- Blind Work Expenses (BWE) permit the exclusion of any earned income of a blind person that is used to meet any expenses reasonably attributable to earning the income.
- Plans for Achieving Self-Support (PASS) permit a recipient with an approved PASS to set aside earned or unearned income and resources for a work goal. The income or resources set aside are used to pay for goods or services needed to reach the goal, such as education, vocational training, starting a business, or purchasing work related equipment. The income and resources that are set aside under a PASS are excluded from SSI income and resource tests, but they do not influence the determination of ability to engage in substantial gainful activity (SGA).
- Student Child Earned Income Exclusions allow for the exclusion of certain earnings

of child recipients under age 22 who are students regularly attending school.

The 1980 amendments to the Social Security Act established section 1619, and provided additional work incentive provisions to assist SSI recipients in entering the workforce. These included income exclusions for impairment-related work expenses, a change in the treatment of sheltered workshop earnings, and the continuation of SSI payments for some individuals whose disability ceased due to medical recovery.

- Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE) exclude from earnings the costs of items and services needed to work because of the person's disability and are paid for by the individual. These expenses are excluded from earned income used to compute ongoing SSI monthly payments. Beginning December 1990, the IRWE exclusions are also applied in the determination of income for purposes of initial SSI eligibility. IRWE may also be deducted from earned income when determining SGA.
- A change in the treatment of sheltered workshop earnings provides that remuneration for services performed in sheltered workshops or activity centers is treated as earned income. This change makes it possible to apply the earned income exclusion to earnings that previously were subject to the general income exclusion; i.e., the first \$20 and a dollar-for-dollar offset thereafter.
- The continuation of payments provision allows for the continuation of SSI (also SSDI) payments to disabled individuals after their disability ceases due to medical recovery, if they are participating in approved vocational rehabilitation plans and SSA determines that completion of the program will increase the chances of permanent removal from the disability rolls.

¹ Unless specifically excluded and/or listed separately, all references to SSI disabled recipients and workers in this report include persons whose eligibility is based on blindness.

The provision assists individuals whose medical improvement occurs before completion of vocational training. This provision was extended to SSI recipients whose eligibility is based on blindness effective April 1988.

Congress enacted these provisions because it concluded that additional incentives were required to help SSI disabled recipients to become self-supporting. They believed that individuals who could work outside of sheltered workshops, might have been discouraged from doing so by the fear of losing their benefits before they had established for themselves the capability for continued self-support.

Section 1619(a) provides special SSI cash benefits to disabled individuals who lose eligibility for SSI payments because they have earnings at the level that is ordinarily considered to represent SGA. Section 1619(b) provides special SSI recipient status for Medicaid purposes to working disabled or blind individuals when their earnings make them ineligible for cash payments.

Under P.L. 99-643, which made section 1619 permanent, disabled individuals on the SSI rolls retain disability status until they medically improve. The distinction between a disabled person eligible for regular SSI benefits and a disabled person eligible for 1619(a) benefits is that the latter has several months with gross earnings above the SGA level.

Under previous law, 1619(a) status did not begin until after the completion of a trial work period and a determination was made that subsequent work was SGA. A number of cases were defined as 1619(a) after June 1987 as a result of this change in the definition, rather than from any change in their work activity.

Beginning January 1990, a number of recipients went from 1619(a) status to regular eligibility status as a result of the increase in the SGA level from \$300 to \$500. This also occurred effective July 1999, when the SGA level was further increased to \$700.

Under section 1619(b), cash payments are not made. However, recipient status for Medicaid purposes continues until earnings reach a plateau that takes into account the person's ability to afford medical care as well as his or her normal living expenses.

An individual may benefit from more than one of the work incentive provisions. For example, he or she may receive special cash payments under section 1619 and have income excluded under a PASS. Other combinations are also possible, but it is not possible to have both IRWE and BWE.

The data in this report are based on the SSI caseload at the end of December 2000.

In December 2000, there were 360,427 SSI disabled beneficiaries who were working (6.7 percent of the total SSI disabled caseload) (table 2). Included in this count were 83,572 section 1619(b) participants who do not receive an SSI payment, but who have special SSI recipient status for Medicaid purposes. Almost two-thirds (64.5 percent) of the workers had amounts of earned income below the substantial gainful activity (SGA) level of \$700 per month; 24.0 percent earned \$65 or less (table 4).

Geographic Distribution

Among the States, the percentage of disabled workers varied from a low of 3.0 percent in Alabama to a high of 20.1 percent in North Dakota (table 2). In general, the percentage of disabled workers was higher in the Northern States than in the Southern States.

Demographic Characteristics

The majority of these disabled workers were male (53.2 percent). Almost half (46.5 percent) had unearned income; 39.7 percent were receiving Social Security benefits (table 4). Comparable figures for all disabled recipients in December 2000 were: 44.5 percent male, 37.7 percent with unearned income, and 30.5 percent receiving Social Security benefits.

Diagnosis

Disabled workers are more likely to have certain impairments than other disabled recipients. Almost three-fourths (72.5 percent) of the workers had a mental disorder, including 46.9 percent who were diagnosed with mental retardation (table 5). This compares to 58.4 percent of all disabled recipients with a mental disorder, including 24.5 percent with mental retardation.

Section 1619

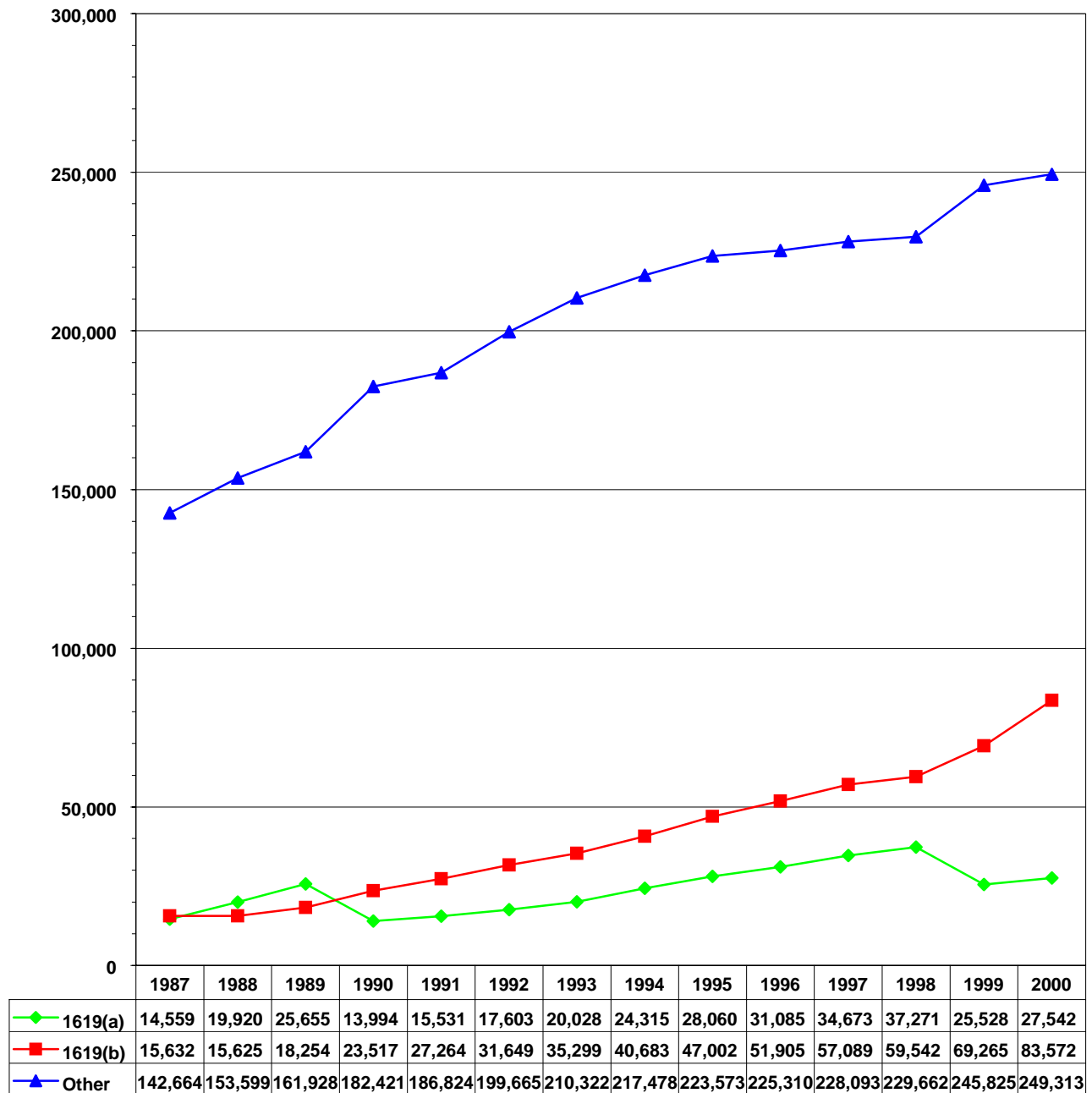
The greatest use of work incentive provisions was by participants under section 1619—30.8 percent of disabled workers. This included 7.6 percent under section 1619(a), and 23.2 percent under section 1619(b) (table 3).

Other Work Incentives

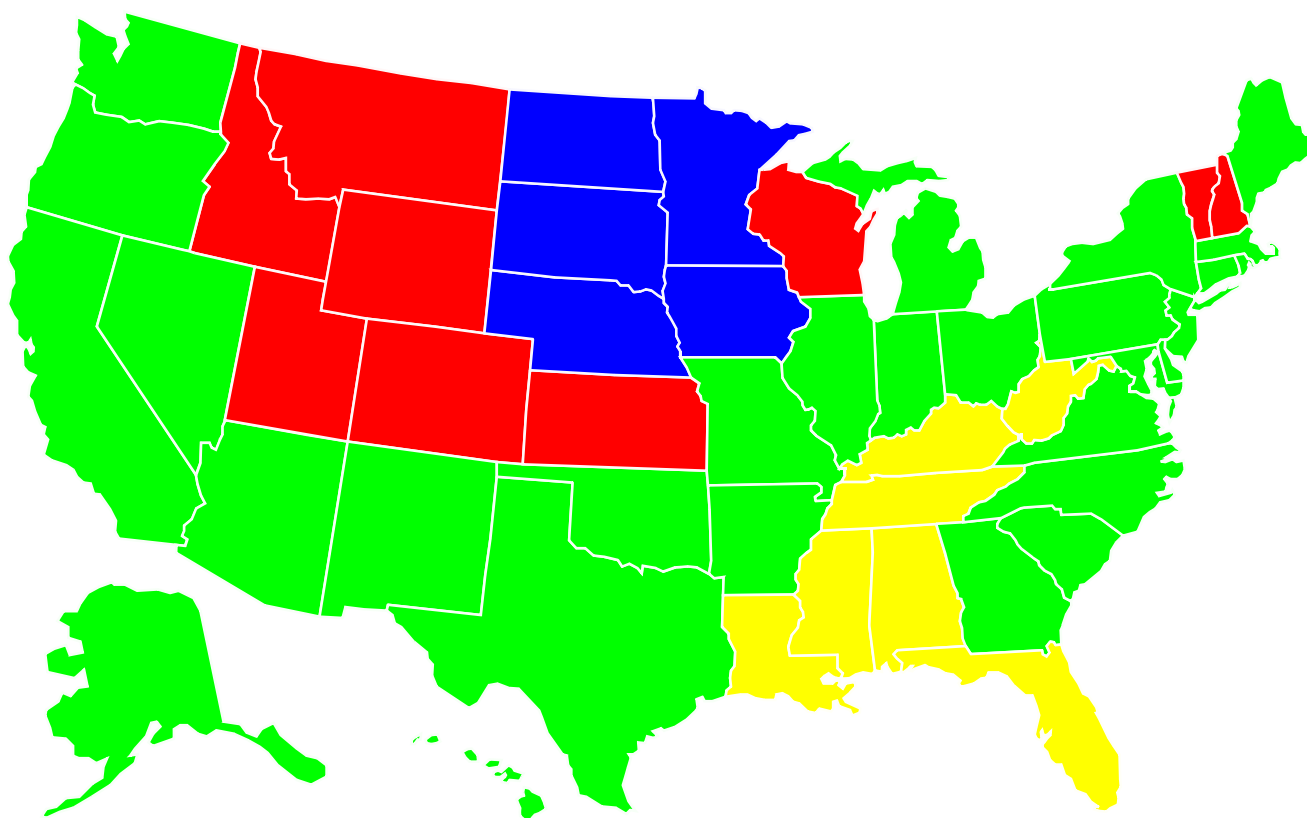
Use of other work incentive provisions continued to have a smaller, but measurable, impact. In December 2000, 4.1 percent of the SSI disabled workers had some of their income excluded under one of these provisions—plan for achieving self support (PASS), (0.4 percent); impairment-related work expenses (IRWE), (2.6 percent), or blind work expenses (BWE), (1.1 percent) (table 15).

A PASS permits an SSI recipient to set aside income and resources to help obtain the training or education necessary for certain specified occupational goals. In December 2000, 467 PASS participants had earnings, which averaged \$677 per month (table 4). However, exclusions under a PASS are not limited to earnings. Of the 1,382 disabled recipients with a PASS, almost two-thirds (62.4 percent) did not have any earnings reported for December 2000 (table 15). For this group, the PASS excluded unearned income such as social security benefits. Out of all PASS participants, 226 had a PASS that excluded only resources.

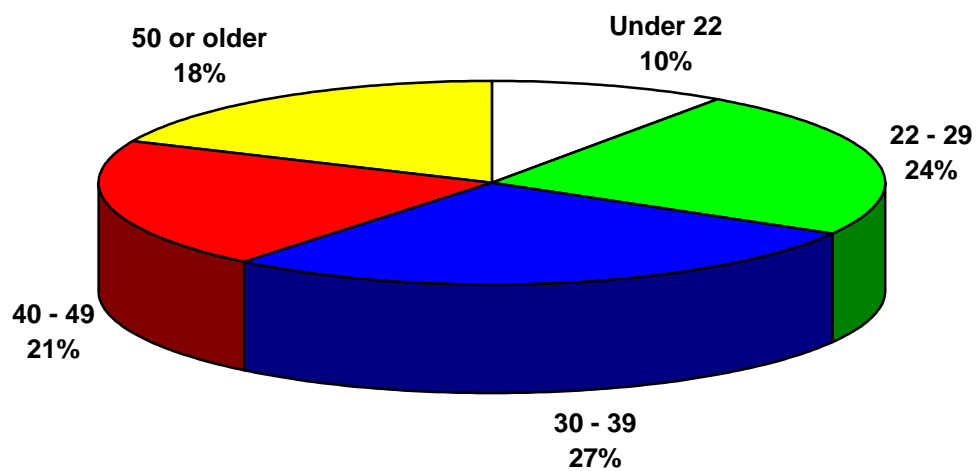
**Chart 1.—SSI disabled recipients who work,
December 1987–2000**



**Chart 2.—SSI disabled recipients who work,
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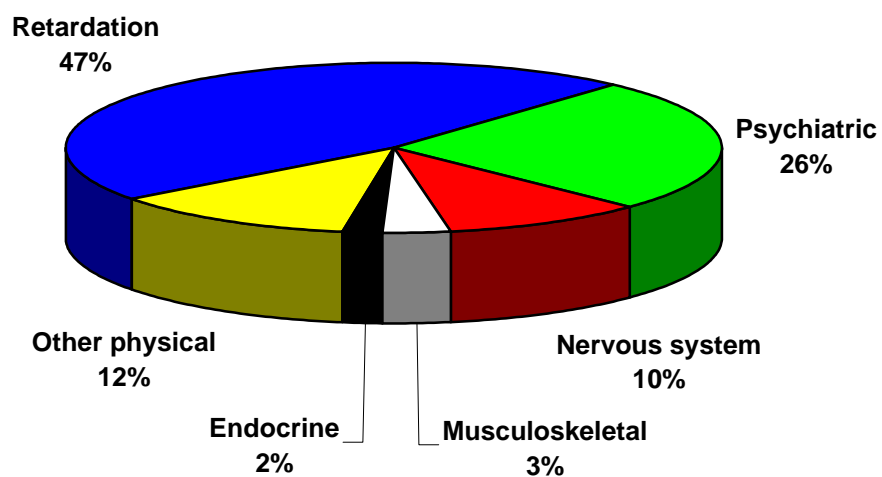


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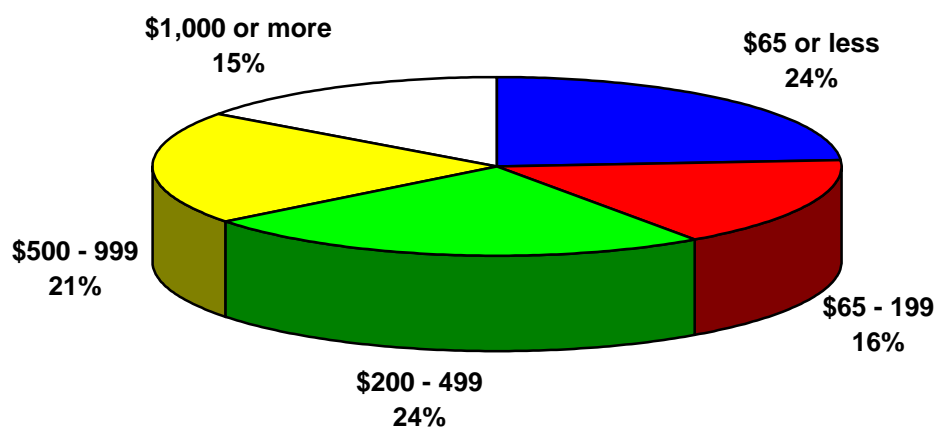
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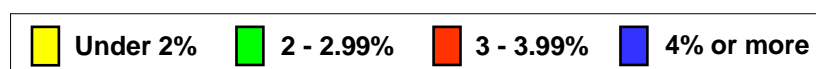
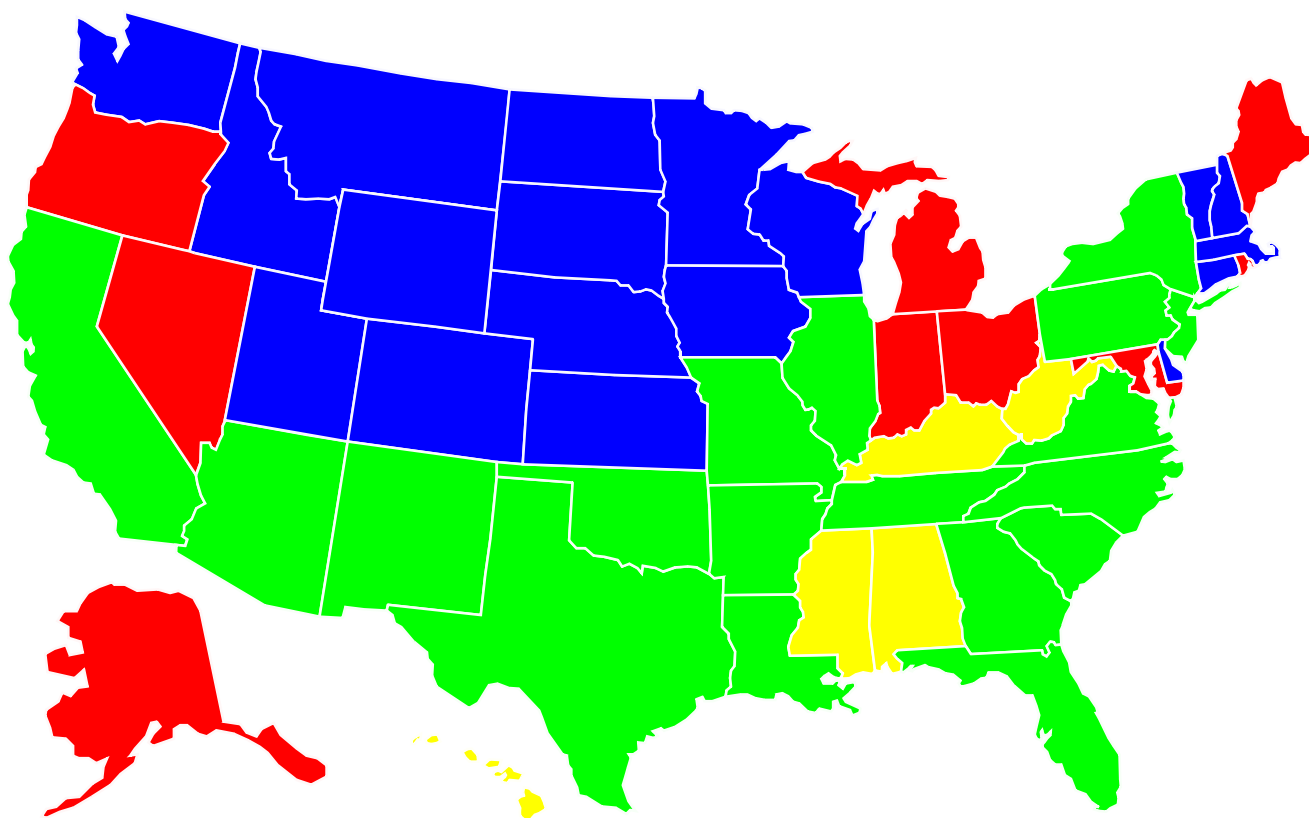
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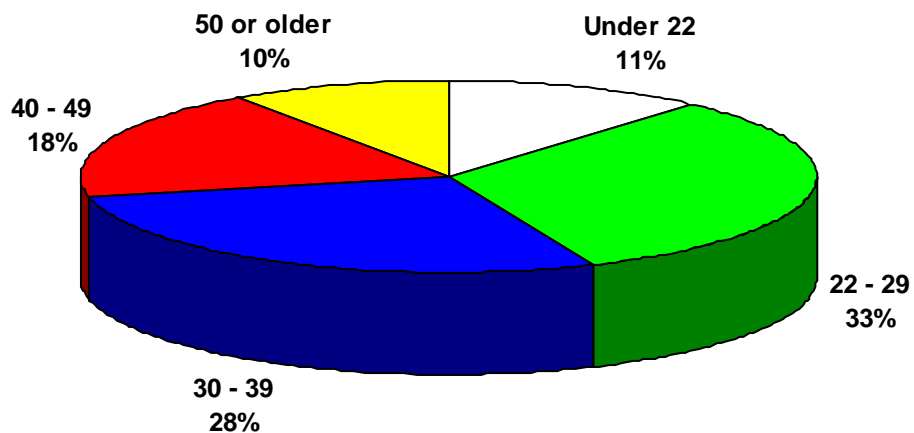
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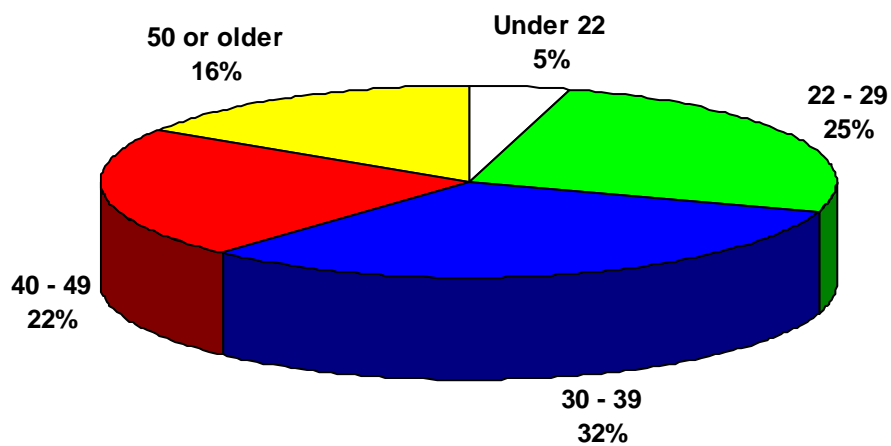


**Chart 7.—Section 1619 participants,
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1619(a) Participants



1619(b) Participants



**Chart 8.—Section 1619 participants,
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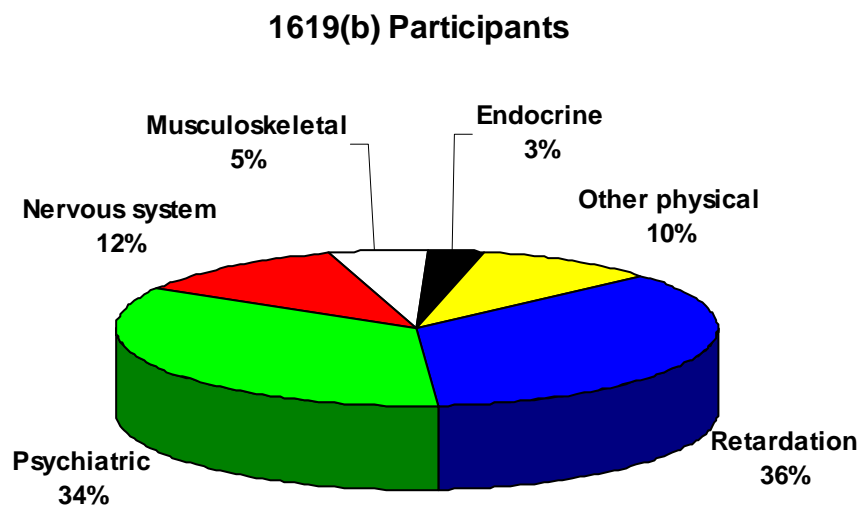
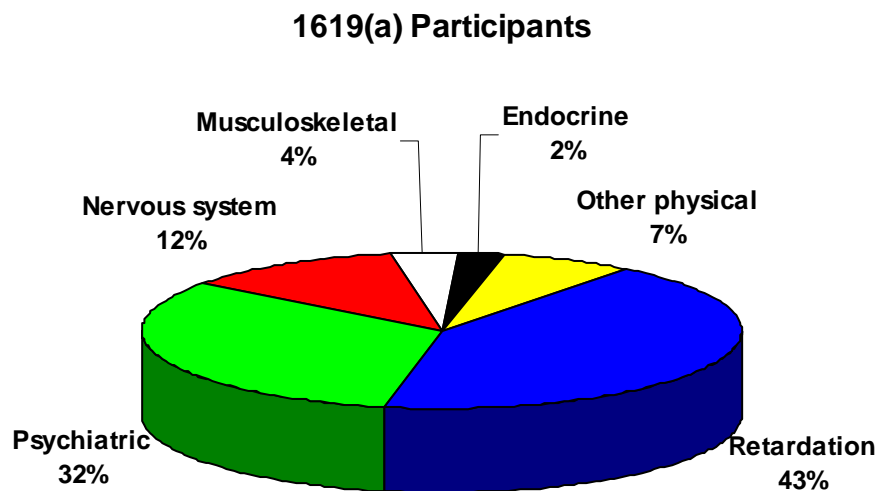
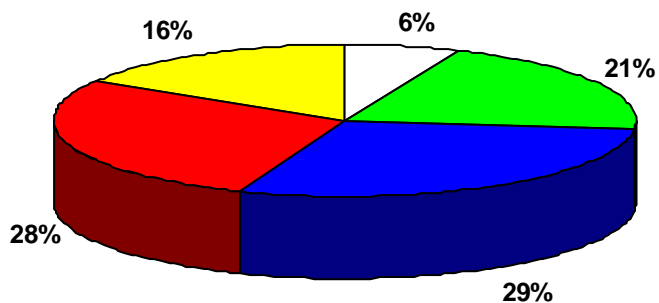
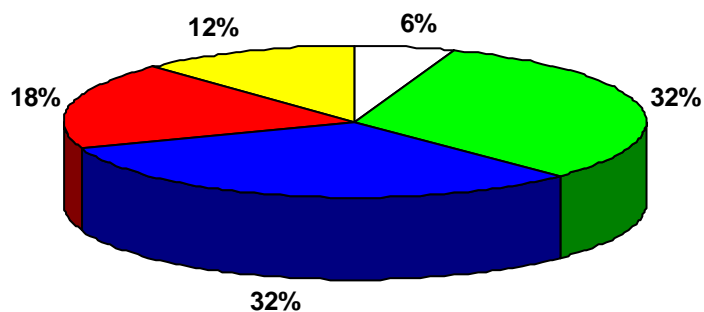


Chart 9—SSI disabled recipients benefiting from specified work incentive provisions, by age, December 2000

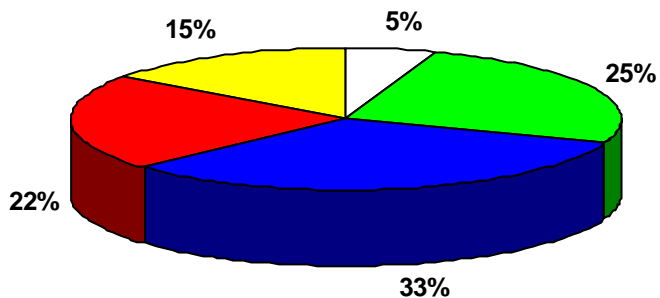
Recipients with PASS



Recipients with IRWE



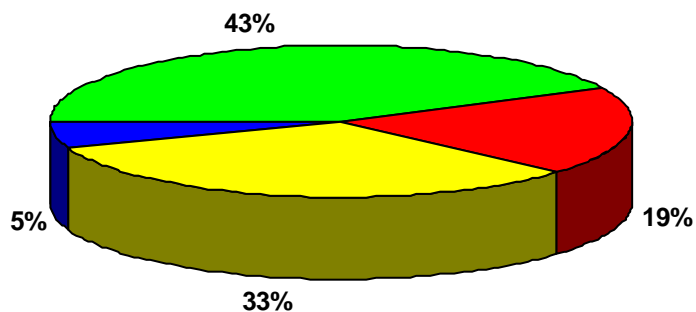
Recipients with BWE



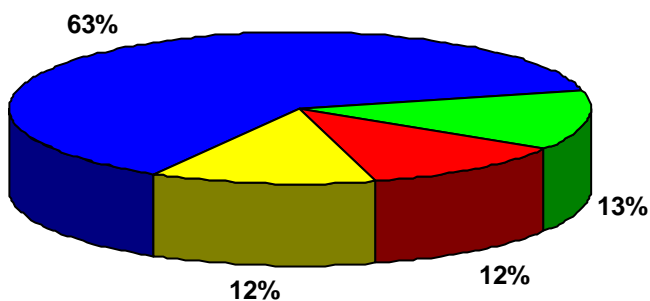
□ Under 22 ■ 22-29 ■ 30-39 ■ 40-49 ■ 50 & Over

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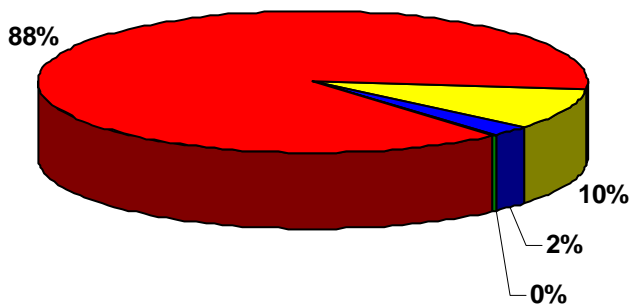
Recipients with PASS



Recipients with IRWE



Recipients with BWE



■ Retardation ■ Psychiatric ■ Nervous System ■ Other Physical

Table 1.—Number of SSI disabled recipients, and number and percentage distribution of disabled working recipients, for selected months, 1976–2000 ¹

At end of selected month	All disabled recipients ²	Disabled working recipients		
		Receiving payments ³	1619(b) participants	Percent of disabled recipients
December: ⁴				
1976	2,088,242	70,719	...	3.4
1977	2,186,771	83,697	...	3.8
1978	2,249,025	87,697	...	3.9
1979	2,277,859	92,270	...	4.1
1980	2,334,241	99,276	...	4.3
1981	2,340,785	102,632	...	4.4
1982	2,314,364	102,288	5,515	4.7
1983	2,391,262	108,734	5,165	4.8
1987	2,945,244	157,223	15,632	5.9
1988	3,046,074	173,519	15,625	6.2
1989	3,172,270	187,583	18,254	6.5
1990	3,386,603	196,415	23,517	6.5
1991	3,681,050	202,355	27,264	6.2
1992	4,126,816	217,268	31,649	6.0
1993	4,544,777	230,350	35,299	5.8
1994	4,870,564	241,793	40,683	5.8
1995	5,115,014	251,633	47,002	5.8
1996	5,252,991	256,395	51,905	5.9
1997	5,189,724	262,766	57,089	6.2
1998	5,293,829	266,933	59,542	6.2
1999	5,317,861	271,353	69,265	6.4
2000	5,395,935	276,855	83,572	6.7
1998				
March	5,235,042	264,830	54,639	6.1
June.....	5,285,950	268,628	55,761	6.1
September.....	5,312,870	272,079	58,183	6.2
December.....	5,293,829	266,933	59,542	6.2
1999				
March	5,350,722	268,866	63,431	6.2
June.....	5,354,409	270,989	66,939	6.3
September.....	5,357,789	272,100	70,580	6.4
December.....	5,317,861	271,353	69,265	6.4
2000				
March	5,367,023	269,173	69,545	6.3
June.....	5,382,127	269,366	77,782	6.5
September.....	5,387,295	275,495	84,199	6.7
December.....	5,395,935	276,855	83,572	6.7

¹ Includes SSI blind recipients.

² Includes section 1619(b) participants.

³ Includes section 1619(a) participants and SSI recipients earning less than the Substantial Gainful Activity level, (\$700 effective July 1999).

⁴ Data not available for December 1984, 1985, and 1986.

Disabled Recipients Who Work

Table 2.—Number of SSI disabled recipients, and number and percentage distribution of SSI disabled working recipients, by state, December 2000 ¹

State	All disabled recipients	Disabled working recipients	
		Number	Percent
Total.....	5,395,935	360,427	6.7
Alabama	133,737	4,046	3.0
Alaska.....	7,325	556	7.6
Arizona	69,050	3,793	5.5
Arkansas	71,966	3,760	5.2
California	760,995	43,703	5.7
Colorado.....	45,878	4,848	10.6
Connecticut	42,788	4,120	9.6
Delaware	10,878	913	8.4
District of Columbia	17,793	777	4.4
Florida	285,940	12,136	4.2
Georgia.....	164,624	8,608	5.2
Hawaii.....	14,098	746	5.3
Idaho	16,996	1,838	10.8
Illinois	219,781	15,194	6.9
Indiana.....	82,592	6,744	8.2
Iowa.....	37,552	7,505	20.0
Kansas	33,524	4,243	12.7
Kentucky.....	156,931	5,482	3.5
Louisiana.....	142,465	5,787	4.1
Maine.....	27,086	2,322	8.6
Maryland.....	73,719	5,891	8.0
Massachusetts	125,360	11,514	9.2
Michigan.....	194,514	17,381	8.9
Minnesota.....	56,580	9,872	17.4
Mississippi.....	107,376	3,629	3.4
Missouri.....	100,986	7,810	7.7
Montana	12,906	1,796	13.9
Nebraska.....	19,468	3,172	16.3
Nevada.....	18,787	1,452	7.7
New Hampshire.....	11,012	1,406	12.8
New Jersey.....	114,128	8,338	7.3
New Mexico.....	38,228	2,115	5.5
New York.....	484,262	31,319	6.5
North Carolina	159,056	8,653	5.4
North Dakota	7,125	1,432	20.1
Ohio.....	226,489	19,108	8.4
Oklahoma.....	62,127	3,883	6.3
Oregon	45,804	4,306	9.4
Pennsylvania	251,122	16,539	6.6
Rhode Island	23,613	1,846	7.8
South Carolina.....	91,399	5,474	6.0
South Dakota.....	11,151	2,202	19.7
Tennessee.....	142,816	6,826	4.8
Texas	297,658	15,348	5.2
Utah.....	18,497	2,316	12.5
Vermont.....	11,318	1,227	10.8
Virginia	109,078	7,028	6.4
Washington	88,834	6,957	7.8
West Virginia	66,384	2,045	3.1
Wisconsin.....	78,165	11,611	14.9
Wyoming	5,454	789	14.5
Northern Mariana Islands.....	520	21	4.0

¹ Includes 1619(b) participants.

Table 3.—Number of SSI disabled working recipients in section 1619 status, by state, December 2000

State	Total	Section 1619(a)	Section 1619(b)	Other disabled working recipients
Total.....	360,427	27,542	83,572	249,313
Alabama	4,046	379	928	2,739
Alaska.....	556	45	142	369
Arizona	3,793	304	966	2,523
Arkansas	3,760	264	862	2,634
California	43,703	4,525	7,267	31,911
Colorado.....	4,848	316	1,167	3,365
Connecticut	4,120	248	1,172	2,700
Delaware	913	74	304	535
District of Columbia	777	80	243	454
Florida	12,136	1,181	3,423	7,532
Georgia.....	8,608	631	1,956	6,021
Hawaii.....	746	47	136	563
Idaho	1,838	131	488	1,219
Illinois	15,194	1,236	3,489	10,469
Indiana.....	6,744	493	1,884	4,367
Iowa.....	7,505	370	1,731	5,404
Kansas	4,243	252	1,031	2,960
Kentucky.....	5,482	423	1,338	3,721
Louisiana.....	5,787	588	1,503	3,696
Maine.....	2,322	158	678	1,486
Maryland.....	5,891	402	1,372	4,117
Massachusetts	11,514	1,019	3,534	6,961
Michigan.....	17,381	1,184	4,317	11,880
Minnesota.....	9,872	495	2,648	6,729
Mississippi.....	3,629	323	1,025	2,281
Missouri.....	7,810	477	1,633	5,700
Montana	1,796	83	403	1,310
Nebraska.....	3,172	171	629	2,372
Nevada	1,452	113	354	985
New Hampshire.....	1,406	92	441	873
New Jersey.....	8,338	537	1,826	5,975
New Mexico.....	2,115	147	496	1,472
New York.....	31,319	2,391	6,064	22,864
North Carolina	8,653	533	1,993	6,127
North Dakota	1,432	59	309	1,064
Ohio.....	19,108	1,440	4,104	13,564
Oklahoma.....	3,883	215	769	2,899
Oregon	4,306	199	1,106	3,001
Pennsylvania.....	16,539	1,303	3,700	11,536
Rhode Island	1,846	110	441	1,295
South Carolina.....	5,474	349	1,092	4,033
South Dakota.....	2,202	100	508	1,594
Tennessee.....	6,826	515	1,732	4,579
Texas	15,348	1,179	3,898	10,271
Utah.....	2,316	143	463	1,710
Vermont.....	1,227	127	360	740
Virginia	7,028	575	1,666	4,787
Washington	6,957	698	2,221	4,038
West Virginia	2,045	144	490	1,411
Wisconsin.....	11,611	617	3,049	7,945
Wyoming	789	51	215	523
Northern Mariana Islands.....	21	6	6	9

Table 4.—Number and percentage distribution of SSI disabled working recipients and average earnings, by selected characteristics, December 2000 ¹

Selected characteristics	Number	Percent	Average earnings
Total.....	360,427	100.0	\$481
Age:			
Under 18	4,296	1.2	447
18–21	30,668	8.5	471
22–29	85,177	23.6	572
30–39	99,269	27.5	497
40–49	75,202	20.9	466
50–59	41,384	11.5	403
60–64	11,938	3.3	346
65 or older	12,493	3.5	239
Sex:			
Male	191,805	53.2	494
Female	168,622	46.8	466
Earned income: ²			
Wages	343,365	95.3	493
Self-employment	18,415	5.1	280
Earning levels:			
\$65 or less.....	86,415	24.0	53
\$66–\$99	16,038	4.4	82
\$100–\$199	42,676	11.8	138
\$200–\$299	33,555	9.3	235
\$300–\$399	27,768	7.7	334
\$400–\$499	26,023	7.2	434
\$500–\$599	23,112	6.4	527
\$600–\$699	18,321	5.1	631
\$700–\$799	12,434	3.4	732
\$800–\$899	11,283	3.1	831
\$900–\$999	9,006	2.5	934
\$1,000 or more	53,796	14.9	1,531
Unearned income: ²			
None.....	192,759	53.5	562
Social Security	143,112	39.7	360
Other pensions.....	3,143	.9	310
Assistance based on need	110	.0	774
Interest, dividends, etc	25,974	7.2	417
Other	13,234	3.7	579
Work incentives: ²			
Section 1619(a).....	27,542	7.6	945
Section 1619(b).....	83,572	23.2	1,048
PASS ³	467	.1	677
IRWE	9,422	2.6	466
BWE	3,894	1.1	891

¹ Includes section 1619(b) participants.

² Persons with more than one type are shown under each type.

³ Number of working recipients with a PASS. See Tables 14–17 for data on all recipients with a PASS.

Table 5.—Percentage distribution of SSI disabled recipients and disabled working recipients age 18–64, by diagnosis, December 2000 ¹

Diagnosis	All disabled recipients	Disabled working recipients
Total number	3,690,970	343,638
Total percent ²	100.0	100.0
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2.2	1.2
Neoplasms	1.3	.8
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic	5.6	2.0
Mental disorders:		
Schizophrenia	10.9	9.2
Other psychiatric	23.0	16.4
Mental retardation	24.5	46.9
Diseases of the—		
Nervous system and sense organs ³	8.3	10.0
Circulatory system	5.7	1.5
Respiratory system	2.5	.8
Digestive system .....	.9	.3
Genitourinary system	1.2	.8
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissues	9.6	3.3
Congenital anomalies .....	.4	1.0
Injury and poisoning	2.9	1.7
Other .....	.9	4.2

¹ Information for all disabled recipients is based on universe counts for December 1999. Information for section 1619 participants is available from SSI source files.

² Includes only recipients whose diagnosis information is specifically identified in the source files.

³ Most disabled recipients classified as blind are included in this category. A few blind recipients with a primary impairment other than diseases of the eye are coded in other categories. Also, a few recipients are classified with diseases of the eye, but their impairment does not meet the definition of blindness.

Disabled Recipients Who Work

Table 6.—Number and percentage distribution of SSI disabled recipients age 18–64, with earnings, and in 1619(b) status, by age, December 2000

Age	All disabled recipients ¹		With earnings		In 1619(b) status	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	3,825,139	100.0	343,638	9.0	81,101	2.1
18–21	230,261	6.0	30,668	13.3	3,469	1.5
22–29	483,038	12.6	85,177	17.6	21,307	4.4
30–39	767,830	20.1	99,269	12.9	26,515	3.5
40–49	960,204	25.1	75,202	7.8	18,712	1.9
50–59	933,624	24.4	41,384	4.4	8,577	.9
60–64	450,182	11.8	11,938	2.7	2,521	.6

¹ Includes section 1619(b) participants.

Disabled Recipients Who Work

Table 7.—Number of SSI disabled recipients age 18–64, and number and percentage distribution of section 1619 participants, by state, December 2000

State ranking	State	All disabled recipients ¹	Section 1619 participants	
			Number	Percent
	Total	3,825,460	108,234	2.83
1	South Dakota	7,835	594	7.58
2	Minnesota.....	42,880	3,095	7.22
3	Iowa	28,728	2,068	7.20
4	North Dakota.....	5,298	361	6.81
5	Wisconsin.....	56,605	3,598	6.36
6	Wyoming.....	4,185	261	6.24
7	New Hampshire.....	8,568	519	6.06
8	Vermont.....	8,657	479	5.53
9	Nebraska.....	14,368	779	5.42
10	Kansas	24,435	1,248	5.11
11	Delaware.....	7,275	369	5.07
12	Idaho	12,648	609	4.81
13	Montana	9,940	471	4.74
14	Utah.....	13,670	597	4.37
15	Connecticut	32,237	1,395	4.33
16	Colorado	34,268	1,451	4.23
17	Washington	67,941	2,862	4.21
18	Massachusetts	105,933	4,447	4.20
19	Indiana	59,603	2,329	3.91
20	Maine	21,418	815	3.81
21	Michigan.....	142,803	5,377	3.77
22	Northern Mariana Islands.....	327	12	3.67
23	Oregon	35,013	1,277	3.65
24	Maryland	51,305	1,726	3.36
25	Ohio	166,692	5,411	3.25
26	Alaska	5,749	185	3.22
27	Nevada.....	14,590	454	3.11
28	Rhode Island.....	17,364	540	3.11
29	Illinois.....	156,280	4,608	2.95
30	New Jersey	78,593	2,302	2.93
31	Virginia	75,179	2,199	2.93
32	Missouri.....	74,190	2,055	2.77
33	Pennsylvania.....	182,457	4,887	2.68
34	District of Columbia	12,127	310	2.56
35	Arizona.....	48,313	1,232	2.55
36	New York.....	337,976	8,276	2.45
37	Florida	182,796	4,462	2.44
38	Texas.....	202,766	4,917	2.42
39	New Mexico	26,562	628	2.36
40	North Carolina.....	105,420	2,450	2.32
41	South Carolina	60,995	1,395	2.29
42	Arkansas	48,009	1,082	2.25
43	Georgia	112,581	2,508	2.23
44	Oklahoma	43,884	950	2.16
45	Tennessee.....	101,891	2,181	2.14
46	Louisiana.....	96,363	2,037	2.11
47	California.....	536,755	11,338	2.11
48	Mississippi.....	71,927	1,312	1.82
49	Hawaii	11,065	181	1.64
50	Kentucky	115,503	1,707	1.48
51	Alabama.....	91,710	1,266	1.38
52	West Virginia	51,462	622	1.21

¹ Includes section 1619(b) participants.

Table 8.—Number of SSI disabled recipients in September 2000, by program status and earnings in December 2000 ¹

Program status in September 2000	Total	Program status in December 2000								
		Receiving payments			Not receiving payments					
		Section 1619(a)	Have earnings	No earnings	Ineligible because of earned income			Other excess income	Other non-pay	
					Section 1619(b)	No longer eligible				
				Does not need/use Medicaid		Can pay for equivalent coverage	Both reasons			
Total.....	5,293,970	26,470	240,860	4,771,660	81,820	870	130	420	48,810	122,930
Receiving payments:										
Section 1619(a)	26,310	17,740	2,000	3,460	1,980	40	0	20	230	840
Have earnings	248,600	2,930	216,380	17,940	4,410	80	0	20	2,060	4,780
No earnings	4,933,740	3,820	19,500	4,743,020	9,820	110	40	70	43,070	114,290
Not receiving payments:										
Section 1619(b)	85,320	1,980	2,980	7,240	65,610	640	90	310	3,450	3,020

¹ Based on 10-percent sample files.

Section 1619 Participants

Table 9.—Number of section 1619(a) and 1619(b) participants and percentage change from preceding period, for selected months, 1982–2000

At end of selected month	1619(a) participants		1619(b) participants ¹	
	Number	Percentage change	Number	Percentage change
December: ²				
1982	287	...	5,515	...
1983	392	...	5,165	...
1987	14,559	...	15,632	...
1988	19,920	36.8	15,625	.0
1989	25,655	28.8	18,254	16.8
1990	13,994	-45.5	23,517	28.8
1991	15,531	11.0	27,264	15.9
1992	17,603	13.3	31,649	16.1
1993	20,028	13.8	35,299	11.5
1994	24,315	21.4	40,683	15.3
1995	28,060	15.4	47,002	15.5
1996	31,085	10.8	51,905	10.4
1997	34,673	11.5	57,089	10.0
1998	37,271	7.5	59,542	4.3
1999	25,528	-31.5	69,265	16.3
2000	27,542	7.9	83,572	20.7
1998				
March	34,637	-.1	54,639	-4.3
June.....	35,528	2.6	55,761	2.1
September.....	37,216	4.8	58,183	4.3
December.....	37,271	.1	59,542	2.3
1999				
March	39,457	5.9	63,431	6.5
June.....	23,304	-40.9	66,939	5.5
September.....	23,914	2.6	70,580	5.4
December.....	25,528	6.7	69,265	-1.9
2000				
March	25,055	-1.9	69,545	.4
June.....	25,837	3.1	77,782	11.8
September.....	26,180	1.3	84,199	8.2
December.....	27,542	5.2	83,572	-.7

¹ Includes blind participants. For December 2000, of the 83,572 participants, 1,488 were blind.

² Data not available for December 1984, 1985, and 1986.

NOTE: In January 1990, the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level was raised from \$300 to \$500 and section 1619(a) participants with earnings below \$500 became eligible for regular SSI benefits rather than the special cash payments under section 1619(a). This is reflected in the decrease shown for 1990. In July 1999, the SGA level was increased to \$700, resulting in the decrease shown for June 1999.

Table 10.—Number and average earnings of section 1619(a) participants, by state, for selected months, 1999–2000

State	December 1999		September 2000		December 2000	
	Number	Average earnings	Number	Average earnings	Number	Average earnings
Total.....	25,528	\$928	26,180	\$932	27,542	\$945
Alabama	399	901	346	896	379	922
Alaska.....	35	940	53	916	45	940
Arizona	334	914	301	917	304	931
Arkansas	242	903	248	903	264	924
California	3,924	1,013	4,197	1,022	4,525	1,039
Colorado.....	332	905	308	905	316	929
Connecticut	213	903	221	882	248	899
Delaware	71	908	77	940	74	915
District of Columbia	57	892	60	918	80	941
Florida	1,046	898	1,141	896	1,181	907
Georgia.....	590	892	599	894	631	902
Hawaii.....	39	924	42	880	47	885
Idaho	118	919	131	906	131	910
Illinois	1,117	910	1,176	915	1,236	915
Indiana.....	533	919	499	917	493	923
Iowa.....	376	894	356	920	370	922
Kansas	265	903	234	912	252	919
Kentucky.....	406	922	381	917	423	923
Louisiana.....	563	893	541	896	588	910
Maine.....	139	914	148	933	158	969
Maryland.....	380	892	386	905	402	931
Massachusetts	934	945	887	948	1,019	963
Michigan.....	1,226	922	1,192	927	1,184	930
Minnesota.....	422	895	469	900	495	902
Mississippi	339	900	333	906	323	916
Missouri.....	421	911	465	908	477	914
Montana	67	901	82	900	83	899
Nebraska.....	160	899	160	917	171	925
Nevada.....	103	901	99	899	113	935
New Hampshire.....	87	954	88	921	92	932
New Jersey.....	422	915	500	918	537	936
New Mexico.....	135	893	145	885	147	910
New York.....	2,061	932	2,278	942	2,391	957
North Carolina	495	898	509	915	533	922
North Dakota	58	904	45	894	59	908
Ohio.....	1,380	915	1,373	904	1,440	918
Oklahoma.....	180	902	206	904	215	921
Oregon	207	901	220	913	199	924
Pennsylvania.....	1,143	922	1,212	926	1,303	933
Rhode Island	89	932	101	951	110	966
South Carolina.....	306	900	351	903	349	918
South Dakota.....	95	897	78	909	100	909
Tennessee.....	535	902	508	911	515	922
Texas	1,146	899	1,144	899	1,179	913
Utah.....	160	895	162	899	143	916
Vermont.....	102	980	120	983	127	992
Virginia	502	909	536	911	575	926
Washington	663	927	650	929	698	937
West Virginia	160	923	147	929	144	929
Wisconsin.....	704	916	626	913	617	923
Wyoming	45	906	44	915	51	921
Northern Mariana Islands.....	2	914	5	881	6	909

Table 11.—Number and average earnings of section 1619(b) participants, by state, for selected months, 1999–2000

State	December 1999		September 2000		December 2000	
	Number	Average earnings	Number	Average earnings	Number	Average earnings
Total.....	69,265	\$980	84,199	\$1,036	83,572	\$1,048
Alabama	789	1,089	962	1,167	928	1,133
Alaska ¹	131	933	166	1,057	142	1,001
Arizona	832	1,000	1,014	1,093	966	1,063
Arkansas	658	892	872	972	862	989
California	5,848	1,225	7,170	1,287	7,267	1,295
Colorado.....	1,013	989	1,253	1,036	1,167	1,045
Connecticut ¹	979	866	1,182	915	1,172	916
Delaware	238	1,001	305	1,080	304	1,082
District of Columbia	188	1,176	242	1,252	243	1,209
Florida	2,686	1,026	3,498	1,042	3,423	1,047
Georgia.....	1,526	972	2,001	1,014	1,956	1,017
Hawaii ¹	97	904	128	956	136	978
Idaho ¹	373	930	489	871	488	904
Illinois ¹	2,831	1,004	3,603	1,079	3,489	1,079
Indiana ¹	1,619	890	1,960	934	1,884	924
Iowa.....	1,675	794	1,751	772	1,731	760
Kansas ¹	953	869	1,055	907	1,031	890
Kentucky.....	1,133	1,036	1,262	1,194	1,338	1,237
Louisiana.....	1,158	892	1,491	965	1,503	993
Maine.....	524	853	713	945	678	966
Maryland.....	1,011	992	1,380	1,079	1,372	1,098
Massachusetts	3,004	1,059	3,514	1,110	3,534	1,159
Michigan.....	3,624	994	4,414	1,038	4,317	1,054
Minnesota ¹	2,165	867	2,598	906	2,648	938
Mississippi.....	760	1,103	1,070	1,147	1,025	1,137
Missouri ¹	1,457	821	1,678	842	1,633	840
Montana	361	754	409	787	403	793
Nebraska ¹	609	819	673	872	629	876
Nevada ¹	245	966	355	1,082	354	1,091
New Hampshire ¹	383	859	456	946	441	956
New Jersey.....	1,479	1,098	1,792	1,113	1,826	1,139
New Mexico.....	389	901	507	965	496	966
New York.....	4,901	1,106	5,936	1,176	6,064	1,185
North Carolina.....	1,651	934	2,046	994	1,993	999
North Dakota ¹	276	808	300	787	309	810
Ohio ¹	3,541	967	4,184	1,022	4,104	1,027
Oklahoma ¹	583	832	727	877	769	913
Oregon ¹	968	840	1,177	888	1,106	893
Pennsylvania.....	2,935	900	3,656	960	3,700	980
Rhode Island	357	987	423	1,032	441	1,034
South Carolina.....	900	908	1,123	972	1,092	977
South Dakota.....	506	761	519	809	508	813
Tennessee.....	1,485	1,069	1,751	1,117	1,732	1,132
Texas.....	3,249	912	3,915	970	3,898	990
Utah ¹	418	853	478	874	463	896
Vermont.....	322	851	348	893	360	982
Virginia ¹	1,311	887	1,721	954	1,666	980
Washington	1,777	1,010	2,198	1,085	2,221	1,082
West Virginia	378	1,116	484	1,213	490	1,166
Wisconsin.....	2,787	872	3,044	905	3,049	920
Wyoming	177	824	201	720	215	753
Northern Mariana Islands.....	5	832	5	920	6	779

¹ The Social Security Administration identifies persons as potential participants, final Medicaid determinations are made by the state.

Section 1619 Participants

Table 12.—Number and average earnings of section 1619(a) and 1619(b) participants, by selected characteristics, December 2000

Selected characteristics	1619(a) participants		1619(b) participants	
	Number	Average earnings	Number	Average earnings
Total.....	27,542	\$945	83,572	\$1,048
Age:				
Under 18	282	880	356	(1)
18–21	2,849	912	3,469	1,154
22–29	8,881	939	21,307	1,162
30–39	7,753	954	26,515	1,016
40–49	5,074	958	18,712	1,007
50–59	2,185	957	8,577	997
60–64	391	966	2,521	887
65 or older	127	928	2,115	794
Sex:				
Male	15,132	953	45,082	1,076
Female	12,410	936	38,490	1,015
Earned income: ²				
Wages	27,147	946	81,855	1,050
Self-employment	542	908	2,350	1,039
Earning levels:				
Less than \$400.....	...	...	11,500	268
\$400–\$499 .....	...	...	7,286	437
\$500–\$599 .....	...	...	7,852	528
\$600–\$699 .....	...	...	6,662	631
\$700–\$899	11,679	795	8,263	778
\$900–\$1,199	13,681	1,009	9,708	1,034
\$1,200 or more	2,181	1,354	32,301	1,749
Unearned income: ²				
None.....	24,385	949	30,452	1,528
Social security	867	861	48,802	714
Other pensions.....	45	894	639	892
Assistance based on need	4	828	28	1,191
Interest, dividends, etc	1,687	951	5,525	923
Other	695	893	3,850	1,140
Work incentives: ²				
PASS ³	180	1,214	0	0
IRWE	991	972	1,801	899
BWE	9	1,601	821	1,273

¹ Data not available.

² Persons with more than one type are shown under each type.

³ Includes 13 persons with PASS plans that exclude only resources.

Table 13.—Percentage distribution of SSI disabled recipients and section 1619(a) and 1619(b) participants age 18–64, by diagnosis, December 2000 ¹

Diagnosis	All disabled recipients	1619(a) participants	1619(b) participants
Total number	3,690,970	27,133	81,101
Total percent ²	100.0	100.0	100.0
Infectious and parasitic diseases	2.2	1.4	2.2
Neoplasms	1.3	1.1	1.3
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic	5.6	2.4	2.9
Mental disorders:			
Schizophrenia	10.9	10.1	11.3
Other psychiatric	23.0	22.3	23.1
Mental retardation	24.5	42.5	35.6
Diseases of the—			
Nervous system and sense organs ³	8.3	11.8	12.1
Circulatory system	5.7	1.5	2.2
Respiratory system	2.5	.9	1.1
Digestive system .....	.9	.4	.6
Genitourinary system	1.2	1.0	1.6
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissues	9.6	3.7	5.3
Congenital anomalies .....	.4	1.0	.8
Injury and poisoning	2.9	2.2	2.8
Other .....	.9	2.2	2.1

¹ Information for all disabled recipients is based on universe counts for December 1999. Information for section 1619 participants is available from SSI source files.

² Includes only recipients whose diagnosis information is specifically identified in the source files.

³ Most disabled recipients classified as blind are included in this category. A few blind recipients with a primary impairment other than diseases of the eye are coded in other categories. Also, a few recipients are classified with diseases of the eye, but their impairment does not meet the definition of blindness.

Other Work Incentive Participants

Table 14.—Number of SSI disabled recipients benefiting from specified work incentive provisions, by state, December 2000

State	Plans for achieving self-support (PASS) ¹	Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE)	Blind work expenses (BWE)
Total.....	1,382	9,422	3,895
Alabama	21	222	42
Alaska.....	3	11	0
Arizona	8	103	32
Arkansas	8	111	51
California	314	800	536
Colorado.....	8	43	44
Connecticut	10	150	41
Delaware	0	42	8
District of Columbia	5	4	6
Florida	67	485	135
Georgia.....	19	395	83
Hawaii.....	6	15	16
Idaho	4	10	8
Illinois	12	336	100
Indiana.....	3	179	80
Iowa.....	37	66	99
Kansas	21	317	32
Kentucky.....	28	127	61
Louisiana.....	8	133	60
Maine.....	29	54	30
Maryland.....	23	283	53
Massachusetts	62	270	290
Michigan	55	339	130
Minnesota.....	59	175	91
Mississippi.....	7	57	79
Missouri	26	218	63
Montana	15	16	14
Nebraska.....	17	52	17
Nevada.....	8	25	23
New Hampshire.....	8	33	4
New Jersey.....	30	225	74
New Mexico.....	3	129	20
New York	97	767	304
North Carolina	48	395	130
North Dakota	1	4	1
Ohio.....	48	164	164
Oklahoma.....	1	101	20
Oregon	9	39	54
Pennsylvania	28	506	197
Rhode Island	3	16	16
South Carolina.....	15	108	65
South Dakota.....	5	27	3
Tennessee.....	13	218	74
Texas	33	370	226
Utah.....	2	95	15
Vermont.....	20	9	8
Virginia	24	617	93
Washington	18	118	64
West Virginia	6	33	26
Wisconsin.....	86	405	108
Wyoming	1	5	5
Northern Mariana Islands.....	0	0	0

¹ Includes 226 persons with a PASS that excludes only resources.

Table 15.—Number of SSI disabled recipients benefiting from specified work incentive provisions, by selected characteristics, December 2000

Selected characteristics	Plans for achieving self-support (PASS) ¹	Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE)	Blind work expenses (BWE)
Total.....	1,382	9,422	3,895
Age:			
Under 18	3	9	4
18–21	86	517	200
22–29	284	2,996	982
30–39	400	3,026	1,272
40–49	382	1,732	848
50–59	198	785	419
60–64	24	205	90
65 or older	5	152	80
Sex:			
Male	632	5,065	2,144
Female	750	4,357	1,751
Earned income: ²			
Wages	458	9,363	3,774
Self-employment	70	89	157
Earning levels:			
\$65 or less.....	862	0	1
\$66–\$99	24	903	252
\$100–\$199	10	487	99
\$200–\$299	42	1,460	331
\$300–\$399	48	1,256	272
\$400–\$499	61	1,054	278
\$500–\$599	50	923	243
\$600–\$699	54	811	228
\$700–\$799	43	621	183
\$800–\$899	27	410	188
\$900–\$999	52	533	379
\$1,000 or more	109	964	1,441
Unearned income: ²			
None.....	309	4,502	2,121
Social Security	1,004	4,242	1,471
Other pensions.....	15	73	15
Assistance based on need	0	0	0
Interest, dividends, etc	104	863	341
Other	78	276	170

¹ Includes 226 persons with a PASS that excludes only resources.² Persons with more than one type are shown under each type.

Table 16.—Percentage distribution of SSI disabled recipients benefiting from specified work incentive provisions, by diagnosis, December 2000

Diagnosis	Plans for achieving self-support (PASS) ¹	Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE)	Blind work expenses (BWE)
Total number	1,382	9,422	3,895
Total percent ²	100.0	100.0	100.0
Infectious and parasitic diseases	1.9	.7	.2
Neoplasms .....	.9	.4	.3
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic	2.7	.5	.8
Mental disorders:			
Schizophrenia	11.2	4.6	.0
Other psychiatric	31.8	8.5	.3
Mental retardation	5.2	62.7	2.2
Diseases of the—			
Nervous system and sense organs ³	19.1	11.8	88.0
Circulatory system	2.7	.8	1.2
Respiratory system	1.2	.2	.0
Digestive system .....	.6	.1	.0
Genitourinary system	1.9	.3	.1
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissues	7.8	.9	.1
Congenital anomalies .....	.7	1.9	1.6
Injury and poisoning	11.2	2.3	.2
Other	1.1	4.3	4.9

¹ Includes 226 persons with a PASS that excludes only resources.

² Includes only recipients whose diagnosis information is specifically identified on the source files.

³ Most disabled recipients classified as blind are included in this category. A few blind recipients with a primary impairment other than diseases of the eye are coded in other categories. Also, a few recipients are classified with diseases of the eye, but their impairment does not meet the definition of blindness.

Other Work Incentive Participants

Table 17.—Percentage distribution of persons with income excluded under specified work incentive provisions, by amount excluded, December 2000

Amount excluded	Plans for achieving self-support (PASS) ¹	Impairment-related work expenses (IRWE)	Blind work expenses (BWE)
Total number	1,156	9,422	3,895
Total percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under \$25.....	.6	20.9	15.7
\$25–\$49	1.3	26.6	9.3
\$50–\$99	3.1	31.0	16.3
\$100–\$199	7.8	14.3	17.1
\$200–\$299	15.1	3.9	13.1
\$300–\$499	34.4	2.2	14.9
\$500–\$999	33.7	.8	11.0
\$1,000 or more	4.0	.2	2.5

¹ Data does not include PASS that exclude only resources.